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Forest Service Chainsaw Crews Assist With Ice Storm Recovery

Roanoke, Va. – Six saw teams from the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests (NFs) have been sent to Arkansas to assist with the recovery effort from the recent ice storms. The teams are made up of certified chainsaw operators whose primary job will be to help open roads into the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest so damage assessments can be conducted.

“Providing assistance following natural disasters or other types of incidents is nothing new for members of the Forest Service, “ said Forest Supervisor Maureen Hyzer “The George Washington and Jefferson NFs have sent people to support recovery efforts following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike as well as responding to wildfires here in Virginia and across the country.”

For more information on the effects of the ice storm visit the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/oof/ozark/.

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